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### **Kansas Book Festival Grant Applications Now Available Online**

**Topeka** – Kansas First Lady Mary Brownback today announced that applications for Kansas Book Festival Grants can now be found online. Public libraries and school libraries located in Kansas are eligible to apply for the grants. Information and applications are available here: <http://kansasbookfestival.com/get-involved/grants/>

“These grants will help libraries with resources to stay ahead of the technology curve and to keep the materials on their shelves as relevant as possible to the young patrons of the library. I want all Kansas children to have a rich and fulfilling experience with libraries and books, and my hope is that these grants will help achieve that,” said First Lady Brownback

The two grants will pay for either technology improvements or to fund book purchases. Libraries may apply for both grants, but no library will be awarded both grants in the same calendar year and libraries are not eligible to receive grants in back-to-back years.

Applications must be postmarked by December 31, 2013 and grants will be awarded in March, 2014.

In conjunction with Governor Sam Brownback’s initiative to improve the percentage of fourth-grade students reading at or above grade level, the First Lady created an annual book festival for the state of Kansas. The Kansas Book Festival is a 501(c)3 organization through the Topeka Community Foundation, which makes all contributions tax deductible. For more information about library grants, event information, or to contribute to the Kansas Book Festival, please visit <http://kansasbookfestival.com/>.

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